

(San Antonio, TX) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) will host a Congressional roundtable discussion in honor of American Diabetes Month on critical research and funding needs for juvenile diabetes with local families and kids affected by juvenile diabetes and pediatric diabetes specialists.

WHO: Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23); Dr. Ernesto Gomez, El Centro del Barrio; Dr. Norma Parra, El Centro del Barrio; Dr. Daniel Hale, Medical Director of the Children's Center at the Texas Diabetes Institute and Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the UTHSC at San Antonio; Carla Jasso-Glavy, MS, RD, CDE, DGD Research; Fran Kirschbaum, RN, BA, CCRC, DGD Research; Asam Bizarri, Nutritionist at Social & Health Research Center; Alan Seeman, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Advisory Board; Ron Fleisher, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and his 8 year old son Kevin; Samantha Slimp, and her daughter Meredith

WHEN: Tomorrow, 1:30-2:30pm, Thursday, November 28, 2007

WHERE: CentroMed SouthPark Medical, 6315 S. Zarzamora, San Antonio TX

WHAT: Congressional Roundtable hosted by Congressman Rodriguez on juvenile diabetes in honor of American Diabetes Month.

The Texas/Mexico border has the highest rates of diabetes in the world. San Antonio, we have the 2nd highest percentage of deaths due to diabetes out of the nation's 54 largest cities.

Congressman Rodriguez has cosponsored H.R. 2762, legislation that would renew the Special Program for Type I Diabetes authorizing \$200 million per year for this important program from 2009 through 2013. Without Congressional action, this groundbreaking program, enacted 10 years ago, will expire next year.

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